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HOUSE BILL 359

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES; ENACTING THE GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES ACT; CREATING A GEOSPATIAL COORDINATOR; CREATING THE GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S EARTH DATA ANALYSIS CENTER; CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES; REQUIRING A STATEWIDE, LONG-RANGE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Geospatial Resources Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE.--The purpose of the Geospatial Resources Act is to facilitate the development, design, acquisition, sharing and deployment of geospatial data crucial to addressing cross-jurisdictional issues.

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1 Section 3. GEOSPATIAL COORDINATOR ESTABLISHED--DUTIES.--

2 A. The "geospatial coordinator" is created in the
3 office of the chief information officer and is appointed by the
4 chief information officer to serve as the state point of
5 contact for:

6 (1) coordinating geospatial activities in the
7 state with and through the geospatial resources office;

8 (2) developing collaborative geospatial data
9 acquisition and delivery opportunities;

10 (3) facilitating geospatial activities and
11 collaboration and avoiding redundancy to and among state
12 agencies, local governments, tribal governments, universities,
13 federal agencies and private sector entities; and

14 (4) administering geospatial contracts with
15 state agencies, local governments, tribal governments,
16 universities, federal agencies and private sector entities as
17 required.

18 B. The geospatial coordinator shall:

19 (1) coordinate the implementation of a state
20 geospatial information technology strategic plan;

21 (2) chair the geospatial resources advisory
22 committee;

23 (3) represent state agencies on other state
24 and national geospatial initiatives and committees;

25 (4) coordinate geospatial data acquisition

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1 among state agencies, local governments, tribal governments,
2 universities, federal agencies and private sector entities;

3 (5) coordinate geospatial projects of
4 statewide significance among state agencies, local governments,
5 tribal governments, universities, federal agencies and private
6 sector entities;

7 (6) coordinate geospatial information
8 distribution and outreach among state agencies, local
9 governments, tribal governments, universities, federal agencies
10 and private sector entities; and

11 (7) through the office of the chief
12 information officer, enter into contracts and agreements,
13 including joint powers agreements, among state agencies, local
14 governments, tribal governments, universities, federal agencies
15 and private sector entities.

16 Section 4. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES OFFICE ESTABLISHED--
17 MANAGER.--

18 A. The "geospatial resources office" is created in
19 the earth data analysis center of the university of New Mexico
20 to serve as a collaborative center of geospatial expertise for:

21 (1) coordinating, acquiring, managing,
22 maintaining and delivering geospatial data to state, local and
23 federal agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and the
24 private sector;

25 (2) providing online access to geospatial data

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1 clearinghouses, distributed data resources and mapping services
2 for state, local and federal agencies, institutions and
3 instrumentalities and the private sector; and

4 (3) coordinating pilot and prototype
5 geospatial mapping projects in conjunction with state, local
6 and federal agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and
7 the private sector.

8 B. The vice president for research and economic
9 development of the university of New Mexico shall appoint the
10 manager of the geospatial resources office from a list of names
11 provided by the geospatial resources advisory committee. The
12 manager is responsible for the administration and operation of
13 the office. The manager shall coordinate the office's
14 responses to executive agency requests and interactions with
15 the office of the chief information officer.

16 Section 5. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES OFFICE--POWERS AND
17 DUTIES.--

18 A. The geospatial resources office shall:

19 (1) develop and maintain, in cooperation with
20 state, local and tribal governments, universities and
21 geospatial experts, a statewide, long-range geographic
22 information system strategic plan;

23 (2) coordinate geographic information system
24 projects among state, local and federal agencies, institutions
25 and instrumentalities and provide mapping support services to

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1 those agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and the
2 private sector;

3 (3) collaborate with state, local and federal
4 agencies, institutions and instrumentalities and private sector
5 entities to coordinate geospatial data acquisition;

6 (4) serve as the primary repository of
7 geospatial data in the state;

8 (5) create and maintain a digital-map library
9 and an inventory of maps and aerial photographs of the state;

10 (6) maintain a comprehensive inventory and
11 index of public domain spatial data sets;

12 (7) coordinate and facilitate statewide
13 geographic information system training opportunities, outreach
14 and technical support programs for state, local and federal
15 agencies, institutions and instrumentalities;

16 (8) implement systems that are compliant with
17 web-based standards and technologies as appropriate;

18 (9) in conjunction with the geospatial
19 resources advisory committee, identify, establish and
20 coordinate the implementation of state geospatial standards;
21 and

22 (10) submit an annual report to the
23 information technology commission.

24 B. The geospatial resources office may:

25 (1) enter into contracts and agreements,

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1 including joint powers agreements, with public or private
2 entities to share or provide geospatial data and services;

3 (2) coordinate geospatial projects with
4 federal agencies and private entities; and

5 (3) combine and leverage federal, state, local
6 and private funds to carry out the purposes of the office.

7 C. Money collected from fees and charges for
8 services performed by the geospatial resources office shall be
9 retained by the office and budgeted for future expenditure.

10 Section 6. GEOSPATIAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.--

11 A. The "geospatial resources advisory committee" is
12 created. The committee consists of seven members appointed by
13 the information technology commission to represent state
14 agencies, local and tribal governments, industries located in
15 New Mexico, state universities and public utility and
16 telecommunications companies. All members of the committee
17 must be knowledgeable in geospatial information technology.
18 Members shall be appointed for staggered three-year terms;
19 provided that in making the initial appointments, two members
20 shall be appointed for one year, two members shall be appointed
21 for two years and three members shall be appointed for three
22 years. Members shall serve until their successors have been
23 appointed and qualified. Members may be reappointed to
24 succeeding terms. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired
25 terms. Members shall serve without compensation. The

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1 geospatial coordinator shall serve as chair of the committee as
2 a nonvoting member.

3 B. The committee shall:

4 (1) coordinate with the office of the chief
5 information officer to provide guidance and direction to the
6 information technology commission and the geospatial resources
7 office in addressing geospatial issues, including state and
8 federal mandates and conflicting demands; prioritizing
9 geospatial projects; and evaluating recommendations made by the
10 geospatial resources office;

11 (2) meet quarterly with the geospatial
12 resources office to review prioritized requests and proposals
13 made to the office by state agencies and tribal and local
14 governments; and

15 (3) provide a list of candidates for the
16 position of manager of the geospatial resources office to the
17 vice president for research and economic development of the
18 university of New Mexico.

19 Section 7. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred fifty thousand
20 dollars (\$550,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
21 board of regents of the university of New Mexico for
22 expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to establish and operate the
23 geospatial resources office in the earth data analysis center.
24 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
25 fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

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